IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD claim 20 in accordance with the following:

1.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A contents conversion method in a contents conversion server, which is connected to a plurality of user terminals and a plurality of contents providing servers through a network, comprising:

receiving, from a certain user terminal of said plurality of user terminals, access destination information and information concerning a type of said certain user terminal or an access requesting source in said certain user terminal;

if said access destination information is interpreted to represent contents information in one of said plurality of said contents providing servers as an access destination, acquiring contents information represented in said access destination information from said one of said plurality of said contents providing servers;

by converting said contents information of an arbitrary format, based on said information concerning said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal, and by further converting link information included in said contents information in accordance with a predetermined rule if said contents information includes said link information, generating converted contents information; and

transmitting the converted contents information to said certain user terminal.

2.   (ORIGINAL) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said predetermined rule is a rule to convert an original link destination into a format in which said contents conversion server is set as an access destination and information concerning said original link destination is included.

3.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising, if said access destination information is interpreted to represent only said contents conversion server as an access destination, transmitting information including link information causing access via said contents conversion server to other registered contents

providing servers.

4.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

if said access destination information is interpreted to represent only said contents conversion server as an access destination and a search condition for registered contents providing servers is received, searching registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition; and

transmitting information including link information causing access via said contents conversion server to said registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition.

5.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said type of said access requesting source in said certain user terminal is a browser type.

6.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said generating comprises reconstructing tags in an arbitrary markup language to tags in a markup language corresponding to said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal.

7.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A program embodied on a computer-readable medium causing a contents conversion server, which is connected to a plurality of user terminals and a plurality of contents providing servers through a network, to convert contents, said program comprising:

receiving from a certain user terminal of said plurality of user terminals, access destination information and information concerning a type of said certain user terminal or an access requesting source in said certain user terminal;

if said access destination information is interpreted to represent contents information in one of said plurality of said contents providing servers as an access destination, acquiring contents information represented in said access destination information from said one of the plurality of said contents providing servers;

by converting said contents information of an arbitrary format, based on said information concerning said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source

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in said certain user terminal, and by further converting link information included in said contents information in accordance with a predetermined rule if said contents information includes said link information, generating converted contents information; and

transmitting the converted contents information to said certain user terminal.

8. (ORIGINAL) The program as set forth in claim 7, wherein said predetermined rule is a rule to convert an original link destination into a format in which said contents conversion server is set as an access destination and information concerning said original link destination is included.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The program as set forth in claim 7, further comprising, if said access destination information is interpreted to represent only said contents conversion server as an access destination, transmitting information including link information causing access via said contents conversion server to other registered contents providing servers.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The program as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:

if said access destination information is interpreted to represent only said contents conversion server as an access destination and a search condition for registered contents providing servers is received, searching registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition; and

transmitting information including link information causing access via said contents conversion server to said registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The program as set forth in claim 7, wherein said type of said access requesting source in said certain user terminal is a browser type.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The program as set forth in claim 7, wherein said generating comprises reconstructing tags in an arbitrary markup language to tags in a markup language corresponding to said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal.

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13.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A contents conversion server, which communicates with a plurality of user terminals and a plurality of contents providing servers through a network, comprising:

a unit that receives from a certain user terminal of said plurality of user terminals, access destination information and information concerning a type of said certain user terminal or an access requesting source in said certain user terminal;

a unit that acquires contents information represented in said access destination information from one of said plurality of said contents providing servers as an access destination, if said access destination information is interpreted to represent contents information in said one of the plurality of said contents providing servers;

a converter that converts said contents information of an arbitrary format, based on said information concerning said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal, and further converting link information included in said contents information in accordance with a predetermined rule if said contents information includes said link information, to generate converted contents information; and

a unit that transmits the converted contents information to said certain user terminal.

14.   (ORIGINAL) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, wherein said predetermined rule is a rule to convert an original link destination into a format in which said contents conversion server is set as an access destination and information concerning said original link destination is included.

15.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, further comprising a unit that transmits information including link information causing access via said contents conversion server to other registered contents providing servers if said access destination information is interpreted to represent only said contents conversion server as an access destination.

16.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, further comprising:

a unit that searches registered contents providing servers matching with a search condition if said access destination information is interpreted to represent only said contents conversion server as an access destination and said search condition for registered contents

providing servers is received; and

a unit that transmits information including link information causing access via said contents conversion server to said registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition.

17.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, wherein said type of said access requesting source in said certain user terminal is a browser type.

18.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, wherein said converter comprises a unit that reconstructs tags in an arbitrary markup language to tags in a markup language corresponding to said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal.

19.   (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A converted contents acquiring method executed by a user terminal, comprising:

transmitting at least one part of a uniform resource locator of a contents information provider and information concerning a type of the user terminal or an access requesting source in said user terminal to a contents conversion server, which is connected to said user terminal and a plurality of contents providing servers through a network, to acquire contents information of an arbitrary format corresponding to a different type from said type of the user terminal or said access requesting source in said user terminal; and

receiving and displaying on a display device, contents information from said contents conversion server, wherein a conversion corresponding to said type of said user terminal or said access requesting source of said user terminal is performed for said contents information and link information in said contents information is converted in accordance with a predetermined rule.

20.   (NEW) A contents conversion method executed by a certain user terminal of a plurality of user terminals, and a contents conversion server connected to said plurality of user terminals and a plurality of contents providing servers through a network, the method comprising:

transmitting, by said certain user terminal, at least access destination information and information concerning a type of said certain user terminal or an access requesting source

in said certain user terminal to said contents conversion server;

      if said access destination information is interpreted to represent contents information in one of said plurality of said contents providing servers as an access destination, acquiring, by said contents conversion server, contents information represented in said access destination information from said one of said plurality of said contents providing servers;

      by converting said contents information of an arbitrary format, based on said information concerning said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal, and by further converting link information included in said contents information in accordance with a predetermined rule if said contents information includes said link information, generating, by said contents conversion server, converted contents information;

      transmitting, by said contents conversion server, the converted contents information to said certain user terminal; and

      receiving and displaying on a display device, by said certain user terminal, contents information from said contents conversion server.